action, human intervention etc., most of which are location specific. India is a member on the Panel of Coastal Global Ocean Observing System (C-GOOS) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. During the deliberations in the C-GOOS meetings, the experiences gained by the participating countries on coastal erosion and the possible preventive measures are exchanged.

Statutory Authority to CVC

2131. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to confer statutory authority to the Central Vigilance Commission and to effectively involve the opposition parties in the selection and appointment of CVC members;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons leading to this decision; and

(c) the steps since taken in pursuance of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court vide its order dated 18th December, 1997, in Criminal Writ Petitions Nos. 340-343/93-Vineet Narain and others--Vs- Union of India and others (generally known as Jain Hawala case) had, *inter alia,* given directions that statutory status should be conferred upon the Central Vigilance Commission. Several consequences of the conferment of such status were also directed by the Supreme Court to follow. In order to comply with the directions of the supreme Court, the Central Government had promulgated the Central Vigilance Commission Ordinance, 1998 on the 25th August, 1998 conferring statutory status upon the CVC. Certain amendments were made to this Ordinance subsequently in the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 1998 promulgated on October 27, 1998 by the Central Government. Clause 4 of the Central Vigilance Commission Ordinance, 1998 provides that the Central Vigilance Commissioner and the Vigilance Commissioners shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal on the recommendations of a Committee consisting of the Prime Minister as Chair-person and the Minister of Home Affairs and the Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People as Members.

(c) In pursuance of the provisions contained in the Central Vigilance Commission Ordinance, 1998, the Central Government has appointed the new Central Vigilance Commissioner as per the procedure laid down therein.

Raids by CBI on United India Periodicals

2132. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) raided the premises of United India Periodicals (P) Ltd. on 24th July, 1996 and seized incriminating documents;

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Regular case (viz). RC. 62(A)/96-DLI has been registered is this connection.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for Enhancing Percentage of Pension to Central Government Employees

2133. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance the percentage of pension payable to Central Government empolyees as suggested by the Fifth Pay Commission;

(b) whether Government also propose to fix pension at addtional rate of one percent per year to the employees who have rendered more than 33 years of service;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have received any representations from various trade unions/ individuals for fixing the pension only on the basis of last pay drawn instead of the average of the last ten months pay drawn; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) The Vth Central Pay Commission has not recommended any enhancement in the existing percentage of pension payable to Central Government employees. However, the Commission's recommendations for stepping up pension to 50% of the minimum pay in the revised scale of pay introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1996 of the post last held by the pensioner has been accepted and orders are under issue.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination of the Government.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Vth Central pay Commission appointed by the Government of India which has recently examined the existing pension structure has not made any recommendation for fixation of pension on the basis of last pay drawn instead of average of the last 10 months pay drawn. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government for computation of pension on the basis of last pay drawn.

Medical Facilities to Government Servants

2134. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fixed Medical Allowance @ 100/- p.m. is available to Central Government Pensioners/family pensioners residing in areas not covered by CGHS;

(b) whether such scheme is available to the employees of the NCT of Delhi as they are not covered under CGHS;

(c) the details of the scheme applicable to the employees of the NCT of Delhi; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken for extending the Central Government Scheme to Delhi Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Central Government pensioners, eligible for CGHS facilities and not residing in CHGS area, are eligible for a fixed medical allowance of Rs. 100/- p.m. in case they opt for not availing OPD facilities at the nearest CGHS dispensary.

(b) and (c) The employees/pensioners of the Government of NCT of Delhi are covered under the Scheme administered by the Government of NCT of Delhi, under which on payment of monthly contribution at prescribed rates, they are eligible for free treatment in a dispensary/hospital of the Government of Delhi and reimbursement, wherever applicable.

(d) There is no proposal to extend the Scheme for Central Government pensioners to cover the pensisoners of the Government of NCT of Delhi.

आरोपित लोक सेवकों के विरुद्ध केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा मुकदमा चलाने की अनुमति मांगा जाना

2135. श्री कपिल सिब्बल:
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने सरकार से 138 मामलों में मुकदमा चलाने की अनुमति मांगी है जिनमें लोक सेवक (पब्लिक सर्वेन्ट) आरोपित हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस प्रकार के मामलों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन मामलों में मुकदमा चलाने के लिए उक्त एजेंसी को अनुमति दे दी है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो अनुमति दिए गए मामलों की संख्या